

Remarks

The examiner requested restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372 to:

Group I, II, III, IV, or V as described in the above-referenced office action.

The applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement because applicants believe the groups share a special technical feature, however if the examiner should make this requirement final, the applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II drawn to a personal care product comprising the composition described in Group I, where Group II includes claims 5-7 at this time.

This reply is being submitted within the period for response to the outstanding office action.

Although the applicants believe in good faith that no extensions of time are needed, the applicants hereby petition for any necessary extensions of time. You are authorized to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application.

You are authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to deposit account 04-1520.

Respectfully Submitted,

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